

REMARKS

Claims 2-9, 11-15, 17-26 and 28-34 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Double Patenting Rejection:

The Examiner rejected claims 2-9, 11-15, 17-26 and 28-34 under the judiciary created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-36 of Application No. 10/027,353. However, Application No. 10/027,353 is now abandoned. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests removal of the double patenting rejection of claims 2-9, 11-15, 17-26 and 28-34.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above-referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicant hereby petitions for such an extension. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-05200/RCK.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- Return Receipt Postcard
- Petition for Extension of Time
- Notice of Change of Address
- Other:

Respectfully submitted,

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